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Direct Support Mission News

By J. Frank Cunningham

For some time now Harold Cole, former associate of the veteran missionary M. B. Madden, has been in Japan catching up the loose ends of the work carried on by the Osaka Mission prior to the war and preparing the way for other missionaries to join him. A card from his wife Leone, dated September 7, says: "I know you will be interested in the latest news. The children and I are to sail finally on the General Gordon from San Francisco, November 8. The Lord has opened the way in a remarkable way. We do not yet have support for the children ($35 monthly for each because of the terrific inflation) nor all of our ticket and baggage funds, in hand. But we are going forward on faith, knowing the Lord will support us. Pray for us. There have been 16 baptisms from the two New Testament churches in Osaka in less than two months. Praise God."

Japan

Grace Farnham has received her passport and will sail for Japan as soon as passage can be secured. The Salem Court Street church is her Living Link church. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fleenor, graduates of N. C. C., are recruits to the Mabashi Mission work. Mr. Fleenor studied Japanese at the University of Oregon last year. He says: "Already our son understands Japanese as well as English. (The son was 3 months old.—J. F. C.) Seriously, though, we pray God will have a plan for a life of service from him in Japan, too. We hope to attend Butler next year and to follow Grace to Japan in a year or so—as the Lord leads the way."

Ruth Schoonover, a former associate of Grace Farnham in the Mabashi Mission, is planning to return to Japan. She will go to the southern island of Japan where the climate is warmer. She is now working among the Japanese near Sacramento, California. Her address is Florin, California.

Alaska

The Carl Zehrungs, who carried on the work at Dillingham, Alaska, for several years, are in the States. The Franklin Smiths are back in the Bristol area after some time in the States. Franklin writes: "We are now settled at Dillingham, appreciative of the good condition of the church left by the Zehrungs. Let us all pray that Mr. Zehrung's health will be restored. Prospects for the growth of the church here are very good. Pray for the meeting we plan to hold this fall. It is a joy to be back in the field." The Smiths recently spent two weeks at Ekwak where they started our first work in Alaska several years ago. They "did some work on the house, packed things for moving to Dillingham, and canned some blueberries," and held evangelistic meetings. Franklin says: "The people there showed a greater interest than ever before in their need of Christ, and very fine services brought victories in 2 baptisms and several older natives who say they are going to become Christian."

After four months in Ketchikan, Alaska, Mrs. Earl Chandler came out to join her husband who has been visiting churches in the States in the interest of the work. They attended the School of Missions at Lake James and the Lake Region Christian Assembly at Cedar Lake, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hartman are conducting the Sunday services at Ketchikan until the Chandlers return. A party of students, led by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Whited, from N. C. C., recently conducted a week of evangelism at Ketchikan. The Chandlers report receipt of word of the baptism of a young man, "head of a fine family," recently at Ketchikan.

Harlan Woodruff

Harlan Woodruff, who is the living link missionary of the Newberg Church, wrote from Okinawa on September 10. He and Mrs. Woodruff are

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State Youth Convention

Some of you will remember that in 1940 there was a great statewide Youth Convention held at Hillsboro. That was to have been repeated in two years, but the war made that impossible. The State Committee is now reviving the idea and is preparing for such a youth gathering on December 5th to 7th at Dallas. We want the young people of the church to come. The program will deal with the total work of the church in which young people engage. A complete announcement will be given in the November issue of this paper. In the meantime save that date and plan for your young people to attend.

Christian Education Workshop

Plans are now being matured for the first Christian Education Workshop to be held in Oregon, at Salem First Church, October 22-24, 1947. Some details are yet to be arranged, but the finished program will be sent to the churches by mail.

Raymond Baldwin, Director of Religious Education for Kansas, will be our guest leader. He will bring at least three messages and lead discussions on them. There will be a Bible study each day. Each evening the departmental leaders will meet together for their particular problems. Every session will be garnished with worship.

Pastors, superintendents, teachers and other workers should come. It will be of advantage to anyone. The churches of Salem will furnish your bed and breakfast; the noon meal will be taken in Salem's eating houses; the evening meals will be served at the church for a reasonable price. Your share of the general expense will be $1.00, the registration fee. You can cut transportation by coming in carloads.

The completed program will be sent direct to the churches. If you do not get one ask your superintendent or pastor. It is something new, and it will be something worth while. Notify Dudley Strain, Center and High Sts., Salem, that you will be there so there will be a bed waiting for you. You cannot afford to miss it.

Crusade Literature

Have you had the Crusade paper, The Christian Crusader? You can get it for the asking. Then there are six booklets of which any church may secure a copy by writing for it. They are: "The Resurgence of Christian Life," by B. H. Bruner; "A Christian World Order," by Walter Sikes; "Crusading Through Christian Education," by various authors; "Crusading Through Evangelism," by Willard M. Wickizer and Spencer Austin; "Crusading Through Christian Stewardship," by Loren E. Lair; and "The Winds of God: Christian Unity, Cooperation and World Fellowship," by George Walker Buckner, Jr.

If you do not have these write to A Crusade for a Christian World, Box 5636, Indianapolis 19, Indiana, and ask for one each for your church. Additional copies may be had for 15 cents each or 75 cents for all six.

"Christian House"

This is the name by which the student center at Corvallis is known. This house is open at all times to the students of Oregon State College, particularly to those of Christian Churches. This has been a mighty act of faith on the part of the Corvallis Church; and those churches of the state which have students there should help in the financial load.

Rally Day

By the time this is read Rally Day will have been held in most of the churches. In a few instances it was held early—the middle of September. The majority of our churches use the first Sunday in October, while a few go still later in the month.

We would ask the schools of the state to remember that our state educational program is dependent considerably on the offerings from our schools which are usually taken on Rally Day. If you took this offering please send it in at once. If not, will you not send an offering from your school at the first appropriate time. Last year our schools gave for state work more than $2,500. This is a commendable sum, and we pray our schools to equal that amount for this year. This money all stays in the state and none of it is spent elsewhere. Send to C. F. Swander, 512 Panama Bldg., Portland 4, Oregon.

Parkrose Project

The Parkrose project (116th and Prescott Streets, Portland) has proven a larger undertaking than anyone anticipated when it was first conceived. The Joint Board of Christian Churches has been wrestling with building plans, financial plans, and evangelistic plans. It is definitely decided that Elery Parrish will be the evangelist and he is now on the evangelistic staff of the State Board and Ninety and Nine. Churches have signed up to pay $340 per month for the erection of a building, and Church Extension has promised a loan of $15,000 and a gift of $1,500. The Board is now wrestling with the problem of cutting the cloth to fit the purse. It is good spiritual exercise and will turn out all right.

Attention! Boys and Girls

By Mrs. R. E. Moshier

Does it walk? Does it ride? Does it fly? How does it go around the world? The Bible, I mean. Perhaps you have heard the story about the "Bible with legs."

Sally asked Auntie, "Do white folks read the same Bible as black folks?" **You** can answer that question even if you haven't read the rest of the story, can't you?

Do you know what James Evans used for ink when he was making the first Bible for the Indians?

Have you read about the boy who used scraps of the Bible for making shoes? My! Aren't you glad you can read your Bible at home or at school or church or any place you want to? I feel sorry for the people who had to hide in caves for fear they would be killed if they were found reading the Bible. Do you know who first thought about how much the blind people would like to have Bibles of their own to read, and then figured out a way to print so that those people could read with their fingers instead of their eyes?

Wouldn't it be interesting to know just how the Bible was given to boys and girls around the world in languages they could understand? If you went as a missionary to a country where the people could not read or write how would you help them to know what the Bible says?

Did you know that the Bible has been translated into over 1,000 languages, but that there are still many places in our world today where people do not have Bibles in their own language?

You can find the answers to these questions and the rest of these stories in the new missionary books. I hope you are planning to begin your missionary study in October, in your class, in your Junior Church or C. E., or other groups. You will like the story books "Around the World with the Bible," "Stories of the Book of Books" (for Junior), and "My Story Book about the Bible" (for Primaries).

Our churches are joining in a Crusade for a Christian World, and we need boys and girls to help.

Won't you be real crusaders by joining with other boys and girls throughout the country in this study of "The Bible Goes Round the World?" We all need to know more of our Bible, more about how to use our Bible, how we got our Bible, and then discover ways to share our Bibles with everyone in the world.

Phil Ryan Injured

While digging a well on his place at Myrtle Point a stick of dynamite went off prematurely, injuring him severely. An ambulance rushed him to the hospital at Eugene. It was necessary to remove one eye and the sight of the other will be impaired very much. The use of the surgery was $500 and other expenses will run terribly high. Some of us will share with him this expense. Anyone wishing to fellowship in this may send your contribution to the state office and we will send it to Phil.

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Notice: Items for the Oregon Christian should reach the editor's desk not later than the 1st day of the month to insure publication.

First Fruits of Visitation Evangelism

The first one of the four laboratory schools where visitors were prepared for visitation evangelism was held in the Mallory Avenue Church (Portland) September 21-25. Orval Peterson, Yakima, Washington, was the director. The first fruits of that school were garnered on Sunday, September 28, when 20 people united with the church—5 confessions and 15 transfers of membership. The pastor, Hubert Sias, says there will be that many more in the near future. Other such schools to be held in the state are at La Grande, October 5-9; Eugene, October 26-30; and at Salem First, October 26-30. The two latter schools are synchronous. If you did not get in on the Portland School better plan for one of the others. Visitation evangelism is fast becoming recognized as a successful method — not to take the place of the revival meeting, but to supplement it.

West Eugene Project

For several months the First Church in Eugene has been working diligently for the establishment and housing of a church in West Eugene. The building is fast nearing completion and when it is the church will be ready for organization and the house for dedication. The State Board is having fellowship in this project by a gift of $1,000 from centennial money. The building will cost a little above $6,000. We appreciate the privilege of such fellowship. Hugh McCallum, pastor of the First Church, has been a prime factor in this work.

Available Evangelist

Clifford Hauxwell, who is resigning the church at Downs, Kansas, to enter the evangelistic field, announces that he will be available for meetings in Oregon during November and December. He will come on the free-will offering and entertainment plan, or for $75 per week and entertainment. He is well recommended and has relatives in Oregon whom we have known with much pleasure. Any church that is interested should write him in care of Manhattan Bible College, Manhattan, Kansas.

Springfield Building

The work of rebuilding the church house that burned on December 31, 1945, is steadily proceeding. The plans have been drawn by A. F. Wickes, architect for Church Extension, and the Extension Board is assisting with a loan. When completed this will be a building that is a credit to our cause in Oregon. Claude O'Brien is pastor.

Financial

September 1947

CHURCHES: Bend, $50; Carlton, $4.75; Coquille, $18.73; Englewood (Portland), $31.75; Falls City, $3; Hood River, $39.37; Heppner, $20.90; Irving, $10; Kern Park (Portland), $10.41; Klamath Falls, $52; La Grande, $50; Odell, $5; Salem First, $33.33; The Dalles, $2; Yamhill, $15. Total, $346.24.

SCHOOLS: Englewood (Portland), $18.25.

YOUTH: Kern Park (Portland), $1.25.

INDIVIDUALS: B. Ross Evans, $10.

INTEREST: $9.08.

PRINCIPAL: $66.23.

September is usually a light month. The budget this year provides for three evangelists, support of six churches, besides the administration and promotional expense. It totals $13,000. We have recently sent out letters to the churches asking them to set their goals for state support. The replies have started coming in and the response thus far has been very good. For the most part churches are accepting the suggested figure, but some are raising it. This is acceptable, of course. We renew the request to make reply concerning the goals.

The Crusade in Oregon

The following churches have indicated their intention of entering the Crusade for a Christian World with definite goals: Albany, Alvadore, Astoria, Burns, Corbett, Coquille, Creswell, Dayton, Estacada, Eugene First, Eugene Fairmount, Fall Creek, Florence, Forest Grove, Franklin, Gladstone, Heppner, Hermiston, H. R. Valley, Irving, Jasper, Junction City, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Lorane, Marcola, Medford Central, Mill City, Milton, Molalla, Multnomah, Newberg, North Bend, Nyssa, Oakland, Ontario, Oregon City, Pendleton, Portland Central, Portland Englewood, Portland Kern Park, Portland Mallory, Portland Sellwood, Portland St. Johns, Powell Butte, Redmond, Rockaway, Salem First, Seaside, Sheridan, Silverton, Springfield, The Dalles, Turner, Vale, Vernonia, Willamina, Woodburn.

That is a fine list. But is your church's name there? If not, maybe you have neglected to send it in. There is no reason in the world why any church should stay out of the Crusade as regards goals for baptisms, Sunday School, Leadership Training, Stewardship, etc.

The churches reporting for the financial goals are considerably fewer. They are: Albany, Burns, Eugene First, Junction City, Nyssa, Ontario, Portland First, Portland Mallory, Redmond, Silverton, Springfield. Look both these lists over. If your name is not there put them on at once.

HERMISTON—Albert D. Kribs came to this field August 17 from Butler University. Audiences are good and the Leadership Training class once a week has resumed with an attendance of 25. (Welcome back to Oregon to all the Kribs family.—Ed.)

NEWPORT—The Daily Vacation Bible School raised $160 for "heifers for Europe" fund. It was a community school. Our pastor and his wife, Eldon and Opal Wiidanen, were among the leaders.

Northwest Christian College

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"On the side of what may be called religion, Christianity was from the beginning fundamentally a new relation to God, based on a personal commitment of life to Christ. But from the side of conduct it must be remembered that Christianity, so far as the individual was concerned, consisted in a new life to be lived in the midst of a non-Christian world."

These statements, found in the opening paragraph of Chapter III of THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH, by Dr. S. J. England (published by N. C. C.), forcefully reminds us that Christian morality comes from faith in Christ. Too often our tendency is to use the Pharisaic approach by attempting to impose rules and regulations upon others with the idea that such will produce the Christian life. But moral conduct is not the source of life in Christ. Rather, faith in Christ brings its imperious demands upon the individual to strive for perfect Christ-likeness.

The educator finds rules necessary to guide growing youth. But while Christian teachers use rules, and rightly so, they constantly endeavor to help the pupils grow in their love for and loyalty to Christ so that they will do His will naturally. That is, the Christian is to be a new person with a new nature acting naturally in conformity with the nature of our Lord.

Just as the child imitates, however imperfectly, the conduct of his parents whom he loves, so the disciple (learner) of Christ imitates, however imperfectly, Christ. As love grows and skills mature, perfection is approached. The task of the Christian college is to provide conditions most favorable for Chrsitian growth. This we seek to do at N. C. C. by continually exalting Christ who is the Way, the Truth, the Life.—Ross J. Griffeth, President.

Enrollment

While registration at N. C. C. for the Fall Term is not closed at the time of this report, 157 youg men and 155 young women, a total of 312, completed registration by October 1. This compares with 138 young men and 170 young women, a total of 308, at the close of registration for the Fall Term last year. The increase in the number of young men is particularly gratifying because of its promise for more ministers and more churches in the future. Not since 1941-42 have the young women been outnumbered at N.C.C. by the young men and the difference is still so small that it may change before registration closes this fall. 65 of the men enrolled this fall are veterans of World War II.

Male Quartet

On September 21 the Male Quartet, accompanied by President Griffeth, shared with the First Christain Church of Pendleton and Brother O. D. Harris in the dedication of a splendid set of chimes. The 1946-47 Male Quartet, composed of Orris Doty, Glenn Johnson, Jim Kimsey and Ray Renzema, has now been dissolved and is not available for further appearances. A new quartet is now being formed and will be visiting various congregations within a few weeks.

Jim Kimsey and Dolores Youn were married at Bakersfield, California, early in September, hence Jim is no longer eligible for membership on the quartet. Congratulations, Jim and Dolores, on your new home.

House and Lawn

The little house, which for many years was in the center of the N.C.C. campus, was sold and moved away. Some of the debris from the old heating plant still remains on the campus but it is expected that it will all be cleaned up soon. This will make possible the further beautifying of the campus which now has a good deal of the finest lawn to be seen anywhere, thanks to Kenneth Johnston who planned it and such excellent helpers as Don Burke and Clifford Foster who helped in the planting.

Oh! Money! Money!

Yes, N. C. C. does need money. Current expenses have a habit of keeping on. The more students, the greater expense. And N.C.C. has no endowment. It has a very small reserve. Month by month the life of N.C.C. depends upon the generosity of its faithful supporters to meet its expense. What you give now is put to work to train Christian leaders.

Why not look up the record of your church. If you can, give more in order to help us take care of this splendid growing body of student ministers and workers.

"Christ's Way Committed Unto Us"

This theme forms the background for the observance of Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23. Christ's way has been committed to us and the responsibility is upon every church, and every church member, to teach, live, and promote that way among men.

How can the church meet this responsibility? First, by reaching out in fellowship with other churches to advance it in the state. That is State Missions. Second, by helping to provide instruction in Christ's way as revealed in the New Testament. That is Religious Education. Third, by helping to provide instruction in Christ's way as revealed in the New Testament. That is Religious Education. Third, by helping to train ministers and missionaries to carry on the work of the church. That is Christian Higher Education. These are the services supported by the Thanksgiving offering on November 23.

Materials have been prepared to help your preparation for this observance. Order from Unified Promotion, Irvington Station, Box 5636, Indianapolis 19, Indiana.

Mrs. B. W. Mulkey

Word arrives at the last minute of the death of Mrs. B W. Mulkey, at Ontario. Mrs. Mulkey has been an invalid for a number of years. She was an earnest Christian, and with her husband, was mainstay in the church at Vale for many years. Our sympathy goes to the family.

MEDFORD FIRST — The church school averaged 253 during the summer. Church audiences were never less than 200. 16 were added during July and August. The Wurlitzer Organ fund has been completed and the organ dedicated. The fall program started with 299 in Sunday School on September 14. Three Youth Fellowship groups have been started. The 35-voice choir, under the leadership of E. Ronald Rice, has resumed work. The pastor, Delbert W. Daniels, began his fourth year on September 10.

Good News from Congo and Japan

By Muriel Jordan

A recent letter from Gertrude Shoemaker, who is serving as a missionary under the United Christian Missionary Soicety in the Belgian Congo, gives a vivid account of "itineration" into the back country. The first stop was at Yolanga where a teachers' and preachers' institute was held. But here is the story in her own words:

"I have just been sitting in a meeting. Ntange is teaching the first class. We have 18 native preacher-teachers here from two districts for a week of school—refresher courses to help them through the rest of the year. The wives of several of the preachers came with their families. It is like camping out at home. Some have been here several days getting beds and houses ready, but some arrived just yesterday during a hard rain. Finding beds, food and other comforts is a task but everyone is cheerful and happy. It rained on my bedding bag and my mattress and bed were wet in places. We dried the cot mattress and my blankets are dry. I slept in the crepe robe Mrs. Horton gave me and was comfy.

"This evening I met with the women and children for the regular worship service. Ifeli, who is helping me on this trip, went home this afternoon to see his folks. His father is a clerk in a village near Besoke plantation. He didn't comé back until 6, so I ate late. When I have my big pressure lamp lighted I can understand how everyone wants to gather round it. Some children were here looking at the Tru-View films for awhile. They surely do enjoy them every place.

"After a week at Yalokuli for a meeting, following nine days of visiting villages, we came over here yesterday in the mail truck. Got up early to get the carriers off with their loads. They were caught in the rain and didn't reach here until almost 3 p. m. We (Ekele Jean and wife Madeleine) waited until 12:30 for the car, an old rattly truck and had a bumpy ride. Our meeting there was quite a success. There were 450 candidates and we finally baptized 397. Some were not well prepared, some still had harems or were too young. It was a task to have school each morning for the teachers, then spend the rest of the day questioning each candidate and writing down their names, town, father, mother, wife or husband, etc. I wrote and wrote, and talked and talked, until I ached all over by Saturday evening. The district evangelist, two teachers, the monitor and I asked 450 people questions about the Bible and their faith."

Word from the Hendricks

A recent letter from Grace Hendricks told of their joy over being able to move into their former home on the campus of the Margaret K. Long School. It was a real thrill after living for more than 8 months out of suitcases in the home of another missionary several miles from the school. After her long ride and walk to the school each day Grace said "We look up to see many windows full of girls. Some of them gently call out 'Senser' (teacher) and then there is a chorus of delightful giggles as we look up and wave at them. They still regard their 'foreign' teachers with great curiosity and somewhat of a thrill.

"We have a 30 minute chapel period each morning. I still have a sort of choked up feeling as I look out over that assembly of 800 girls, and realize the possibilities that are there, in future influence for home, school and public life if we can just instill enough real religion into them. We try to do this in every possible way—by example, in word and deed of a fine Christian faculty. We surely have some grand folk among our 31 teachers—men and women of real faith. There are about 900 boys in the boys' school and we teach there, too. The fact that real 'Americans' are teaching there has already increased the prestige of the school.

"You understand, of course, that these schools correspond to our Junior High and High School grades at home and are run entirely under the supervision of our own church in Japan, in connection with our Mission Board at home. They do not receive government help.

"Of course the school work is only part of our job, for there are our churches (four groups in Tokyo, one in Osaka, and seven in the north) to be visited, helped and encouraged in many ways. There are many committee meeting and consultations of various kinds. There are lots of callers—old friends who look us up, or new friends who need a little fellowship and guidance over some matter, and there are many old friends still to be hunted up. There seems no limit to the interest and eager inquiry of groups everywhere into the teachings of the Bible and the way of the church. We begin to wish we were about 10 people instead of only two. Do write when you can. How we love to get letters! And also remember to keep praying for Japan with all its present problems. Yours Lovingly, Grace P. Hendricks."

September S-Wanderings

1st.—The secretary observed Labor Day by laboring at home. It is a good thing for a wanderer that there are holidays—they help him to catch up with his home-work. 6th.—We closed the office early and went to the mountains on a picnic. The Torgersons and our son helped to make the occasion a delightful one. 7th.—Odell, our annual visit. Ross Evans had been pastoring them for the summer and his work showed up in the attendance and fellowship. Even the dinner seemed a little better than usual. In the evening we dined at the parsonage at Hood River Valley, the Porters as hosts. At the church service Courtney Swander showed the conference pictures and the secretary gave a brief message. On returning home the car was loaded with fruit, vegetables and et ceteras from the Porters and Evans'. Christianity does mean sharing, doesn't it? 8th.—A meeting of the Joint Board of Christian Churches regarding the Parkrose project. One of these days a big story will break regarding that project. 12th.—The State Board met. Men came from all over the state. A big grist of business was transacted. The Oregon board is awake to the work in the state. In the evening we drove to Turner where 105 conference young people and their leaders met for food, fellowship and fun. After dinner at the church we repaired to the camp grounds where they spent an hour in play; then they gathered reverently around a camp fire and worshipped, with a splendid message by Mel Byers; then they engaged in the closing friendship circle. The next party goes to Salem First on November 14. 13th.—A meeting of the State Youth Committee in Eugene; then a drive on to Medford. 14th.—A delightful day in the first Church; entertained over night at the parsonage; gave morning message at the church; and a night train back to Portland. This is a great church and Delbert is making it greater. 15th.—Attended the Conference on World Order at the Portland First Church, Walter Sikes, Leader. The group consisted of invited persons from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. We left on the 9:10 p. m. train for Indianapolis. 16th-18th.—on the train. 19th-22nd.—In conference with educational leaders. 23rd.—A day lay-over in Chicago visiting relatives. 24th-25th.—On train en route home. 26th.—Another meeting of the Joint Board. The work grows. 28th.—Our annual visit to St. Helens. Their annual Home Coming. Nelson O. Cole, the new pastor, is meeting with a fine reception. Attended evangelistic meeting at Oregon City in the evening, W. C. Piper, pastor, Elery Parrish, evangelist. Thus endeth September.

Northwestern Christian Home

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't.

Death took Brother David H. McClain from Northwestern Christian Home on September 8, 1947. He was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, September 20, 1866, and came to the Home from Hood River via Troutdale in March, 1941.

Visitors Welcome

Many visitors from far and near have called at Northwestern Christian Home this summer. Among them have been some of our ministers and church people from outside the Northwest. These included a member of the National Board of N. B. A., Mrs. W. H. Beste, of St. Louis, Missouri.

The Women's Council of the Beaverton Church brought lunch and held their September meeting in the Home. A very interesting afternoon program included the reading of an original poem by Mrs. Minnie Preston, of the Home.

Improvement Progress

Installation of a pump and the construction of a good pump-house of cement blocks have been completed this summer. There is prospect that pipe may be available this winter so that it can be installed before another summer for watering the grounds of the Home.

Fuel Change Needed

Another needed improvement is a change from coal to oil for heating purposes. This will eliminate a driveway and the handling of coal by the windows of three guest rooms, reduce required labor, relieve a cinder and ashes problem, and we hope will make a saving in fuel cost. The change over will cost about $2,000. The Northwestern Home Board voted in its September meeting to approve the undertaking of this project.

Reports of Contributions

The report of contributions for benevolence compiled by the National Benevolent Association for the year ending June 30, 1947, includes contributions from churches, organizations and individuals to the Association and any Homes in the Association. Most of the Oregon contributions are to Northwestern Christian Home. 122 churches in Oregon made some contribution. Among these two groups are recognized with special appreciation. 23 churches gave $1.00 or more a member: Albany, Athena, Brownsville, Burns, Creswell, Elkton, Franklin, Gladstone, Halsey, Harrisburg, Hebron, Lebanon, Molalla, Myrtle Creek, Myrtle Point, Salem Court St., Sisters, Trent, Warrenton, Walton, Vaughn, and Yamhill.

Front Liners

Front Line churches in benevolence give $300 or more. There were 11 in Oregon last year: Eugene First, $774-.54; Portland First, $721.47; Albany, $625.42; Salem Court Street, $502.74; Athena, $383.46; Medford First, $369.87; Portland Mallory Avenue, $354.93; Corvallis, $336.32; Pendleton, $331.17; Oregon City, $307.00; Portland St. Johns, $300.00.

Remember Food

One of the largest items of expense in any Home is food. More money buys less food now. Contributions of canned and fresh fruit, vegetables, poultry, meat, potatoes, etc., will help to hold down that cost in Northwestern Christian Home.—Walter L. Myers, Field Representative.

WILLAMINA—The meeting by Dr. E. R. Moon averaged 107 attendance the first week, with 1 baptism. Mrs. Dale Sherwood leads a Booster chorus with 50 voices. The Methodists and Assembly of God both had special services at the same time. Dr. Moon is building a chimney at the parsonage in spare time. The parsonage is being remodelled to include two bedrooms upstairs. Ray C. Smith, pastor.

LEXINGTON — The church gave a pot-luck dinner reception for Elbert Moreland and family on September 14. The occasion was their departure for their new field of labor in Miles City, Montana. The church is now ready for a pastor. Don Campbell is the correspondent.

GLADSTONE—One baptism on September 14. The pastor, W. R. Hensley, was called to Colorado for the funeral of his uncle during the month.

BEND—There were 11 baptisms in August. The parsonage has been painted and paint is on hand for the church building. Len B. Fishback, pastor.

WALTON—Rally Day was held September 14. The attendance goal was 77 and 75 came. One was added to the church. A basket dinner was served to about 50 people. The young people had a swimming party in the afternoon.

WALLOWA — Gene Chamberlain, State Evangelist, held a September meeting with 5 confessions and 4 transfers of membership. O. W. Jones is the pastor. Gene is now at Kern Park in Portland.

CENTRAL POINT — Bonnie Camp, daughter of the pastor, was married to Noel Tomlin, of Portland, on September 2.

THE DALLES—For the year closing September 30 there have been 23 baptisms and 32 transfers. For September this year there were 4 baptisms and 7 by statement. C. Warner, pastor.

DALLAS—1 confession, 3 by statement September 29. Kenneth Johnston, pastor.

Coast District Ninety Nine Elects Officers

By Ed P. Dewees

A good group of Coast District Ninety and Niners met at the Garibaldi Church on September 8 despite the stormy weather which nearly always "heckles" their rallies. Those who came were well rewarded by the delicious meal provided by the Garibaldi ladies and the fine fellowship of the evening. A unique program opening was initiated by Herald Haskell, local pastor. He set up his recording machine and asked all present to file by the microphone, giving name, church, and any other greeting. As soon as this roll call was finished he played the recording, which included singing, "Fishers of men," by the group in conclusion.

Herald also led the song service with Clifford Snyder accompanying. Barrett Whiteley, Rockaway minister, gave the opening prayer. The business session opened with Haskell as temporary chairman since Elmer Swett, district president, had moved to The Dalles. The report of the nominating committee was heard and it was moved by unanimous vote that A. J. Swett, of Tillamook, be elected president; Jack Ryan, of Seaside, vice-president; and Albert Madding, of Garibaldi, secretary - treasurer. Vice-president Ryan then took the chair. A motion was discussed and passed to change the regular time of the district rally to the second Friday of the odd months. Rockaway was named as the place for the November rally.

Bob Kuykendall, N. C. C. student and minister of the Irving church, brought a real challenge on Christian Stewardship in the message of the evening.

Roseburg Men Meet

On September 9 some 45 men and boys of the Roseburg Church met for a program and a business meeting to consider organization of a Ninety and Nine fellowship. Dr. DeLapp presided as chairman and Kenneth Knox led the song service with Mrs. Knox accompanying. Ray Kleinfeldt, new minister of the Sutherlin church, led in prayer. Bob Church played a piano solo.

The need for action on the part of men and boys in the Bible School and Church was expressed by Bill Unrath, Bible School superintendent. Further entertainment of equal appeal to the men and boys was provided by Park Snyder, master of the castanets. It is our guess though, that the boys of 1947 could not fully appreciate his interpretation of a Model T being cranked on a cold morning! Carl Bush played several numbers on the accordion. A word of greeting was given by Cecil Sherwood, Roseburg High football coach. All others present were called on to introduce a neighbor and to tell a story. (A number passed up the story, but others made up for the lack with some good laugh busters.)

Kenneth Knox sang "The Ninety and Nine," after which Charles Slabaugh gave a talk on the beginnings of the Ninety and Nine. Your reporter followed with a word on the work now being done over the state. A committee was appointed to work out plans for the local organization. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Dawson Speaks at St. Johns

The monthly Ninety and Nine fellowship meeting of the St. Johns men was held on September 10. Officers were elected for the new fiscal year as follows: Verlin Sheldon, president; Walter Ferguson, vice-president; and Ray Shores, secretary. An inspiring admonition to "Put on the whole armor of God" was given by Hiram Dawson, of the Englewood church, in the message of the evening. Coffee and donuts were provided as refreshments.

Yamhill Church Entertains

The Yamhill District rally was held in the Yamhill church September 15, and the 108 men present enjoyed a fine dinner prepared by the ladies of the church. Art Parrish led several songs with the men about the tables, and the Tan-Ditters sang two numbers before the opening of the program in the auditorium. Parrish led the song service and Ray Smith gave the invocation. Charles Teegarden presided as program chairman and called on Ralph Putnam, local pastor, for the welcome address. The Tan-Ditters sang two numbers preceding the business meeting which was conducted with dispatch by President Beasley. The presidents of the local groups were appointed as members of a nominating committee for the selection of new officers. A motion was carried to send $50 to Seaside to be used in the installation of the new heating plant.

Howard Cole, of St. Johns (Portland), was the guest speaker for the occasion and presented an appeal to the men to remember that they were "Encompassed about and under orders." Frank Cunningham pronounced the benediction.

Willamette Meet

A meeting of Willamette District officers and pastors and their wives was held in Court Street Christian Church in Salem, September 16. The gathering had been planned for some time by past president John Jordan who cooperated with Abe Friesen, new president of the district, in setting it up. A pot-luck dinner was served and after the tables were cleared Don Leavitt, of Monmouth, led a short song service. Friesen opened the meeting and called on Hugh Olds, state president, for a word on its purpose. Olds, in turn, called upon your reporter to lead a general discussion on ways and means of increasing the effectiveness of the Ninety and Nine work in the local church and in the district. A number of very profitable ideas grew out of the discussion.

Chicken Fry at Burns

Yes, the Burns men wield a hot skillet with the same skill that they hunt mule deer and not a man of the 30 who attended their "stag" meeting on September 24 but would testify to the quality of the fried chicken. R. D. Smith gave thanks for the food and as soon as justice had been done to the same introductions were in order, each man providing his own. A song service was led by Milton Bower, accompanied by C. V. Robe. A talk on the purpose and plan of the Ninety and Nine was given by this writer after which officers were elected for the group. Dr. Cliff Weare was elected president, William Tiller vice-president, and Milton Bower secretary-treasurer. Dr Clifford Weare gave the benediction.

Northwest Rally Sellwood

The regular rally of the Northwest District was held in the Sellwood Christian Church, September 22. The day was unseasonably warm, the reason, no doubt, that the electric range blew some fuses and thus delayed the dinner. However, all worked out well with Chairman Arnett calling the men together to "sing for their suppers." Hiram Dawson was called upon for the invocation, and Cleve Hudson led a snappy testimony session. As much business as could be transacted was handled before the "come and get it" was sounded. The ladies of the church won a real hand for their dinner despite their difficulties.

As the program was resumed reports were given by the district officers on progress of the work. The election of officers was postponed until November due to several conflicts which prevented all churches of the district from being represented. Announcements were made concerning the state convention at Albany. The Sellwood male quartet presented the special music for the occasion, and Charles Addleman, pastor of the Kern Park Church, gave a fine message on the topic, "Are Ye Able?"

Milton Host to E. O. Men

The annual Ninety and Nine preconvention rally of Eastern Oregon was held at Milton on September 29 with nearly 100 men present including guests from Walla Walla. A devotional service was held before the banquet with Gene Robinson of La Grande leading. Chairman DeLong appointed a nominating committee and called upon your reporter for a word on some of the state work. A delectable dinner was provided by the Milton ladies. Special music was provided by a male quartet from Whitman College.

The evening session opened with a song service and a devotional thought by O. D. Harris, of Pendleton. The business meeting opened with a roll call and reports. The 1947-48 state budget was presented and approved. The report of the nominating committee was given by E. O. Draper and the following officers elected by unanimous ballot: Vernon DeLong, La Grande, president; Errol Harris, Pendleton, secretary-treasurer; Glenn Goss, Athena, and Joe Wagnon, Ontario, vice-presidents; Russell Myers, Milton, pastor adviser. Howard Cole, of Portland, brought the message on the theme of the state convention, "What Do Ye. . . . ?"

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in Japan where he is a chaplain in the army. They plan to open a work for Christ on the island of Okinawa; and Harlan was taking a short furlough there. He writes: "Emiline and I plan to sail for the States about the first of October if there is a ship leaving at that time. I will have about 45 days leave, so hope to get to Yamhill county some time in November to see old friends again." He tells of baptizing an Okinawan girl in the Tamagawa River in Tokyo, where the girl was attending college, and adds: "There are several others here in Okinawa who are about ready for baptism and I feel that Emiline and I ought to be here as soon as we can make necessary arrangements. The field is ripe and workers ought to be here now to begin to build a strong Christian work."

West China

Jane Kinnett is very busy in Kunming, West China, where she is serving as agent for Dorothy Sterling and Isabel Dittemore, buying, packing and shipping supplies to them. Mr. and Mrs. David Howell Rees have been with her. They have been studying the native language and conducting English Bible classes. Jane writes that three of the educated class recently accepted Christ and were baptized. All had been attending the Bible classes. Jane was ill during the latter part of May and a good part of June, but seemed to be quite well at the time of writing—August 26. Apparently Mr. and Mrs. Rees and their little baby, Warren Howell, are soon to join Miss Sterling and Mrs. Dittemore, for Jane writes: "Pray for the Reeses as they make plans and preparations for the caravan journey upcountry in late October."

Mrs. Cunningham

Mrs. Emily B. Cunningham, back in Tokyo, writes in the Tokyo Christian: "Today it is much as it was when we first came to Japan 47 years ago. People everywhere are anxious to have gospel teaching. The door is wide open. Let us freely give our sons and daughters and our means that these people may have the light."

Owen Still, telling of the great use he is making of a Jeep in Tokyo, writes: "I can do at least three times as much as I could before. But Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Sims and Andrew Patton are preparing to come over. One jeep cannot carry four men in different directions at the same time." He hopes the brethren in America will provide another jeep. Who would like to get it for them?

Books and World Call

By Mildred Fishback

Are we crusading for Christ in our reading? New books are being added to our Women's State Missionary library each year. These are available to all Women's Missionary Organizations of Oregon. They may be secured from your State Librarian, Mrs. Len B. Fishback, 1363 Harmon Blvd., Bend, Oregon. You may retain these books in your organization for two months. A fine of 5 cents a week will be imposed for overtime. The following are a few of the books to be found in our missionary library:

"People on our Side," Snow
"Concerns of a World Church," Buckner.
"Why Church?" Bro
"Far Round the World," McGavran
"With no Regrets," Nehru
"Return of the Burma Surgeon"
"Wanless of India"
"The Land and the Well"
"Paul Robeson"

More World Calls are being read in our Brotherhood than ever before. Authentic information regarding the current activities of our missionary brethren is always available in World Call. Read it! Know it! Use it!

McMINNVILLE — Grant H. Cole, from Butler University, is the new pastor and is meeting a hearty welcome. He has worked formerly in Washington and he has made a good record. We extend greetings.

TILLAMOOK — Aldis Webb began his ministry on September 1. He is a former Oregon boy. The editor had the pleasure of assisting in his ordination some years ago and very gladly welcomes him now to the state as a pastor. May he remain a long time.

MONMOUTH — There have been 5 baptisms and 4 transfers of membership in the first nine weeks of our ministry here. Don Leavitt, pastor.